

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense.

Senate passed H.R. 1327, Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4983–S5025

Measures Introduced: Forty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2203–2242, and S. Res. 280–282. **Pages S5011–13**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 349, to require the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for, and make determinations regarding, roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program. (S. Rept. No. 116–61)

Report to accompany S. 1014, to establish the Route 66 Centennial Commission. (S. Rept. No. 116–62)

Report to accompany S. 1689, to permit States to transfer certain funds from the clean water revolving fund of a State to the drinking water revolving fund of the State in certain circumstances. (S. Rept. No. 116–63)

Report to accompany S. 1833, to transfer a bridge over the Wabash River to the New Harmony River Bridge Authority and the New Harmony and Wabash River Bridge Authority. (S. Rept. No. 116–64)

S. 1883, to improve the prohibitions on money laundering, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5011**

Measures Passed:

Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act: By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 224), Senate passed H.R. 1327, to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of

2001 through fiscal year 2092, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S4986–93, S4994–98

Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 222), Lee Amendment No. 928, to limit the amount available for the Victims Compensation Fund. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 18, 2019, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S4997–98**

By 22 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 223), Paul Amendment No. 929, to require a sequestration of certain direct spending. (Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 18, 2019, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S4996–98**

Honoring former Associate Justice John Paul Stevens: Senate agreed to S. Res. 282, honoring former Associate Justice John Paul Stevens of the Supreme Court of the United States. **Pages S5000–01**

National Day of the American Cowboy: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 265, designating July 27, 2019, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5018**

National Whistleblower Appreciation Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 194, designating July 30, 2019, as “National Whistleblower Appreciation Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5018–19**

Dickson Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Stephen M. Dickson, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Page S4993**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 221), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4993**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 2019; that following disposition of the nomination, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Wendy Williams Berger, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Brian C. Buescher, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska; and that if cloture is invoked, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed at 3 p.m. **Page S5009**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. **Page S5019**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 90 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. EX. 220), Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense. **Pages S4993, S5025**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense. **Page S5025**

Messages from the House: **Page S5011**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S5013–15**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S5015–16**

Additional Statements: **Pages S5010–11**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5018**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—224) **Pages S4993, S4998**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5019.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHALLENGES FOR CANNABIS AND BANKING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine chal-

lenges for cannabis and banking, focusing on outside perspectives, after receiving testimony from Senators Gardner and Merkley; Rachel Pross, Maps Credit Union, Salem, Oregon, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; Garth Van Meter, Smart Approaches to Marijuana, Alexandria, Virginia; and Joanne Sherwood, American Bankers Association, and John Lord, LivWell Enlightened Health, both of Denver, Colorado.

WORKING WATERFRONTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather concluded a hearing to examine America's waterfronts, focusing on addressing economic, recreational, and environmental challenges, after receiving testimony from Mayor Eric Genrich, Green Bay, Wisconsin; Michael J. Friis, Wisconsin Department of Administration Coastal Management Program, Madison; Lynn Clark, Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo, Pueblo, Colorado; and Monty Graham, University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach.

FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States' interests in the Freely Associated States, after receiving testimony from Douglas Domenech, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Insular and International Affairs; Randall G. Schriver, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs; Sandra Oudkirk, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific Islands, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and David Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office.

ELDER JUSTICE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting elder justice, focusing on a call for reform, after receiving testimony from Megan H. Tinker, Senior Advisor for Legal Affairs, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Robert B. Blancato, Elder Justice Coalition, Mark Parkinson, American Health Care Association, and Lori Smetanka, National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care, all of Washington, D.C.

FBI OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.